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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BRANIFF'S FREQUENCIES

REF: STATE 201942

1. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT GOA UNLIKELY CONSIDER BRANIFF'S NINTH FREQUENCY SYMPATHETICALLY IF CASE IS PRESENTED MUCH AS IT WAS BEFORE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE, THEREFORE, TO PRESS MATTER STRONGLY. IN ADDITION TO POINTS COVERED IN STATE 114742 AND 201942, FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE MENTIONED:

A. BRANIFF SURRENDERED ITS NINTH FREQUENCY TEMPORARILY AS PART OF THE DECEMBER 1972 UNDERSTANDING BUT ONLY IN THE EXPECTATION THAT IT WOULD BE RESTORED ON JULY 1, 1973 AS PROVIDED IN THAT UNDERSTANDING. BRANIFF BELIEVES, WITH JUSTIFICATION IN USG VIEW, THAT IT HAS BEEN UNDULY AND UNFAIRLY DISADVANTAGED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF FACT GOA DID NOT IMPLEMENT TERMS OF THAT UNDERSTANDING, WHILE US DID
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SO IN RESPECT OF GRANTING AEROLINEAS MIAMI/NEW YORK

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B. IN MAY 1975, PRESIDENT STAYED A PROPOSED CAB ORDER WHICH WOULD HAVE DISAPPROVED AN AEROLINEAS FREQUENCY VIA LIMA TO LOS ANGELES (STATE 109719). THIS WAS DONE IN ORDER NOT TO EXACERBATE US-GOA CIVAIR RELATIONS. HOWEVER, THIS SERVICE ALSO CONTINUES TO DISADVANTAGE BRANIFF.

C. USG HOPES THAT GOA WILL CONSIDER RESTORATION OF BRANIFF'S NINTH FREQUENCY SYMPATHETICALLY IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBILITY US MAY HAVE TO RECONSIDER FAVORABLE ACTIONS IT HAS TAKEN REGARDING AEROLINEAS. INGERSOLL

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